

Chamber of Commerce, advocating for small businesses throughout Greenville. They are also involved with local advocacy and development organizations, including the Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission.

Under Rex and Joe, Uncle Lee's has continued its proud tradition of supporting Second Amendment rights. Through classes and workshops, Uncle Lee's supports responsible firearms training for gun enthusiasts of all ages. They regularly host competitions and events, building a sense of community among sportsmen and hunters from all walks of life. Additionally, Uncle Lee's supports wildlife conservation, encouraging hunters and sportsmen to learn about and preserve Kentucky's ecosystems through wildlife education programs, outdoor skills workshops, and keeping their community informed about Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife initiatives.

Uncle Lee's is a remarkable example of the critical role small businesses play in building a community and preserving local ecosystems. Small businesses like Uncle Lee's form the backbone of local economies across Kentucky and regularly step up to support their communities for generations. Congratulations to the entire team at Uncle Lee's. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.

TRIBUTE TO NELL "MICKEY" STEVENSON BRIGHT

• Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the incredible life and achievements of veteran Nell "Mickey" Stevenson Bright, a pioneer of aviation during the Second World War and a proud Utahn. Nell earned her silver wings from the Army Air Corp as one of a highly select group of women serving in the WASP program, or Women Airforce Service Pilots. These brave women flew over 60 million miles in support of the war effort and were finally awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009 in recognition of their valor.

As a young woman, Nell looked to the sky and saw an opportunity to chart her own course. After learning to fly at age 19, Nell undertook an ambitious new challenge—applying her aviation abilities to serve in the military. While the war raged around the world, Nell applied and was accepted to train with the Army Air Corps in Sweetwater, TX. Accustomed to the intense heat, wind, and dust as a daughter of Canyon, TX, Nell proved her talents in conditions that would trouble any uninitiated pilot. Crosswind landings were second nature to the young pilot-in-training, and she quickly earned her silver wings. She was one of 1,074 women to achieve this prestigious distinction from over 25,000 applicants.

WASPs flew every airplane the Army had in order to execute a variety of wartime support operations. Nell flew

the B-25 twin-engine bomber, P-47 pursuit planes, and multiple Navy bombers. WASPs transported planes and cargo from manufacturers to bases, towed targets for live anti-aircraft gun practice, and simulated strafing missions. With friendly anti-aircraft guns firing live rounds at the women in the sky, even their training exercises were extraordinarily dangerous. Thirty-eight WASPs lost their lives over the course of their service. Their sacrifice to our country will never be forgotten.

Successfully navigating military aircraft through the skies of war is a challenge for the most decorated pilots, but the WASPs faced adversity on the ground, too. Unfortunately, discrimination was present on base. As women, the WASPs were told not to eat in the officer's mess hall, instructions they promptly ignored. The Tuskegee Airmen, the first Black pilots in the service, also faced similar barriers on base. The WASPs spoke up in their defense, and the commanding officer assented. When the 20 airmen were required to sit segregated, the WASPs refused to accept the injustice and joined them.

WASPs would continue their fight for recognition after the war, contesting their civil service classification despite holding military officer status. In 1977, the WASPs received veteran status, which granted them their well-earned and hard-fought benefits.

Nell is a pioneer of military aviation, and her legacy will continue to inspire the next generation of public servants, particularly young women. By virtue of her bravery and valor, she helped break gender barriers in the military and contributed to the ever-growing diversity in our ranks today. After her service, Nell established a successful career as a stockbroker in Arizona and continued to challenge traditional gender norms.

Today, Nell calls our great State of Utah home. In 2014, she received the Minute Man Award from the Utah National Guard and Honorary Colonels Corps for her service to her country and community. She also earned the 2014 Leadership and Excellence Award from Brigham Young University, ROTC.

Nell Stevenson Bright celebrates her 100th birthday on June 20. Our State and our country owe her a debt of gratitude for her courage, valor, and groundbreaking public service. Thank you, Nell.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 272. A bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available (Rept. No. 117-23).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 229. A resolution recognizing the devastating attack on a girls' school in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 8, 2021, and expressing solidarity with the Afghan people.

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1658. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to expand access to breastfeeding accommodations in the workplace, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1931. An original bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Shannon Aneal Estenoz, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

*Tanya Marie Trujillo, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1869. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a working group to recommend to Congress a definition of blockchain technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1870. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts for certain emergency expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.